

2006 Rappahannock Regional Soap Box Derby

The Free Lance-Star Classic

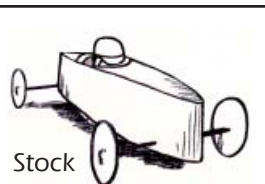
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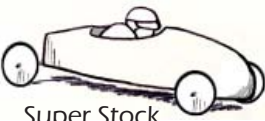
What is the Soap Box Derby?

The Soap Box Derby is a youth racing program which has run nationally since 1934. World Championship finals are held each July at Derby Downs in Akron, Ohio. The goals of the Soap Box Derby program are to teach youngsters some of the basic skills of workmanship, the spirit of competition and the perseverance to continue a project once it has begun.

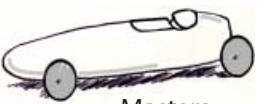
Each year youngsters from throughout the United States and several foreign countries have come to Akron with the cars they have built and driven to victory in their home communities. Our local race is known as the Rappahannock Regional Soap Box Derby, The Free Lance-Star Classic.



Stock



Super Stock



Masters

There will be three racing divisions in our local race. The Stock division is designed to give the first-time builder a learning experience. Boys and girls, 9 through 17 compete in simplified cars built from kits purchased from the All-American. These kits assist the Derby novice by providing a step-by-step layout for construction of a basic lean-forward style car. The Stock Car has boxy angles and an angled nose. The finished vehicle is not painted, but decorated with vinyl cutouts and lettering.

The Super Stock division gives the competitor 9 through 17 an opportunity to expand their knowledge and build a more advanced model. The Super Stock Car is missile shaped with a smooth, rounded nose. The Super Stock shell may be painted. Both of these beginner levels make use of kits and shells available from the All-American. Z-Glas wheels are purchased separately for all cars.

The Masters division offers boys and girls, 10 through 17, an advanced class of racer in which to try their creativity and design skills. The Masters Car is longer and sleeker than the other Division style cars. Masters entrants can build a laydown or lean-forward style car from scratch or they may

purchase a Masters Kit and fiberglass body shell from the All-American. The Masters shell may be painted as well.

Racers have two options for obtaining a car. 1) Purchase a new car kit from All-American in Akron. Most racers will find a "car sponsor" to help defer the cost of the kit. 2) Locate a returning race car that is already built. Some car sponsors are looking for drivers to race in 2006. In both cases, the child racer is responsible for understanding the car's construction and helping get it ready for final inspection. We offer Car Clinics and Drivers Meetings to help prepare you along the way. ■

Was your Race Car built before 2000?

If so, you may need a new floorboard. The old particleboard floor board that came in all of the 1997 - 1999 car kits will have to be replaced for Stock and Super Stock models. There were numerous problems with the old board, so Akron changed to a Butcher Block type of wood in 2000. Any floor boards that were bought prior to 2000 are no longer legal in the Soap Box Derby Race. If you have a question about your floorboard, give a call to Alvin Staples, Race Director, at 785-2965 or 786-5930. ■



SOAP BOX DERBY

Registration Dates:

Registration Begins:

Tuesday, January 17, 2006

Early Registration: \$50 fee,
this form and birth certificate due by
April 25, 2006

Late Registration: \$75 fee,
this form and birth certificate due by
May 4, 2006

Important Dates:

Car Inspection Dates:

Sat. & Sun., June 3 - 4, 2006

Race Day:

Saturday, June 17, 2006

Raindate:

Sunday, June 18, 2006

Akron Race Week:

July 16 - 22, 2006

**National Race in Akron, Ohio
July 22, 2006**

Drivers' Meetings

Thursday, March 31 at 7:00pm at Dorothy Hart Community Center

Wednesday, May 4 at 7:00pm at Dorothy Hart Community Center

These meetings, with a question and answer format, are open to anyone... new drivers, returning drivers and sponsors. They are especially helpful to new drivers. A lot of information regarding the race, cars and other things you need to know will be presented. We will have demonstrations on how to balance weight in the car with the driver sitting in race position. ■

Car Clinics

Car Clinics will be held in April, dates to be announced. Watch future newsletters for car clinic dates. Bring your questions and/or your car to these clinics to receive clarification on building specs.

Those drivers who attend car clinics in April will be able to select their Inspection date and time on a first-come, first-served basis. All others who do not attend car clinics will be assigned a time slot for the Inspection. They will be notified of this time slot after the **May 4th Drivers' Meeting**. ■



2005 Masters Division Champion
Car sponsored by "Girl Power" by
Doug and Rhonda Smith. Driven by
Candace Marie Smith.

Masters Class Information Meeting

Tuesday, March 1 at 7:30pm at
the Dorothy Hart Community Center

Are you curious about entering the Masters
Division? Learn what it takes to get a Masters
Car built and what you'll need to get going in
this advanced racer class. ■

Purchasing a New Car Kit:

This year all new car kits will be purchased directly from the All-American Soap Box Derby in Akron, Ohio. Stock Kits are \$385 (white) and \$390 (red or blue). Super Stock kits are \$395. Masters kits are \$485. These prices do NOT include shipping. Z-glass wheels are an additional \$90 plus shipping. Visit www.aasbd.com for ordering and parts information. Order forms will also be available at Fredericksburg Parks and Recreation or call Akron directly at (330) 733-8723.

These kits will be shipped directly to your home or the address of your choice. The shipping box is approximately the size of the car's shell. You will need a small pick up truck or a minivan to transport the kit and/or the finished car. ■

We extend a huge THANK YOU to our Race Sponsors:

The Free Lance-Star

- Fredericksburg Saving Charitable Foundation ●
- Snellings Market ●



Race Officials give this car a final inspection.

Inspections?

All cars are inspected to ensure they comply with the All-American Soap Box Derby 2006 Rules and Regulations. Your derby car will face final inspection on May 20 - 21st. Once it passes final inspection, it is impounded until race day.

The three winning cars of our local race will be inspected again after the race to ensure they are in compliance to go to Akron's National Race.

Please be sure to attend the Drivers' Meetings and Car Clinics to prepare your derby racer for these important inspections. We want every car to successfully pass inspection and race on June 11th. We are here to answer your questions. ■

Way to GO!

Fredericksburg is the Largest Local Race in the World for the 2nd year running!



Special congratulations to **Jane Shelhorse**, Race Coordinator and Assistant Director with Fredericksburg Parks and Recreation!! The All-American Soap Box Derby has awarded Jane, **"Outstanding Achievement by an Individual"** for 2004. This worldwide award is truly a special honor. Congratulations! ■